



# INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATORS ASSOCIATION

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATORS ASSOCIATION  
AND  
OECD/NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY  
(November 23, 1998)

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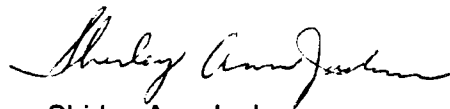
Dear Mr. Echavarri:

In the May 1997 meeting of the International Nuclear Regulators Association (INRA), members agreed that the Association should ensure relevant international bodies be informed about INRA activities on a regular basis. The Association further agreed to pursue a range of activities to foster cooperative relations with other international bodies.

To that end, we have discussed relevant areas of common interest between the OECD/Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and INRA. I am pleased that our two organizations have reached consensus on key matters of cooperation. It is my pleasure to confirm the arrangement as described in the Annex to this letter. Please confirm the NEA's concurrence by return letter.

In addition, it is clearly acknowledged that there may be other areas of cooperation. Neither this exchange of letters nor the terms of the Annex precludes any further or future cooperative efforts between the NEA and INRA.

Sincerely,

  
Shirley Ann Jackson

## **ANNEX**

The International Nuclear Regulators Association (INRA) and the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) agree that, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in the INRA Terms of Reference and the Statute of the NEA, the two organizations shall act in close cooperation with each other in matters of common interests, as follows:

### **1. REPRESENTATION**

- A. The INRA may be invited to selected regular sessions of the NEA Steering Committee and selected meetings of NEA Standing Committees, with respect to items on their agenda in which INRA and the NEA agree are of mutual interest.
- B. The NEA may be invited to selected regular INRA meetings with respect to items on the agenda which the INRA and the NEA agree are of mutual interest.
- C. Members of the INRA and representatives of the NEA attending meetings of the other Organization may be called upon to make special presentations on items of particular interest to the other Organization.
- D. Appropriate arrangements may be made by the INRA or the NEA for participation by a representative of the other Organization in other meetings such as symposia or conferences convened under their respective auspices.

### **2. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

The INRA and the NEA shall keep each other informed concerning matters of interest in the field of international nuclear safety and regulation and freely exchange publicly available information.

### **3. ACTIVITIES OF COOPERATION**

The INRA and the NEA may enter into other arrangements for the purpose of carrying out joint activities of cooperation which may be found to be desirable and relevant to the objectives of each Organization.

### **4. COOPERATION BETWEEN SECRETARIATS**

The Secretariat of the INRA and the Secretariat of the NEA shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with any arrangements as may have been agreed upon.

### **5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Unless otherwise agreed, all costs resulting from cooperation pursuant to this Arrangement will be the responsibility of the Party that incurs them.

### **6. DIRECTIVE OBLIGATIONS**

Nothing contained in this Arrangement will require a Party or its members to take any action that would be inconsistent with its laws, regulations, or policy directives.



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Votre référence

Notre référence

Date

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Dear Chairman Jackson,

I wish to express my appreciation to you for your presentation on the International Nuclear Regulators Association (INRA) to the Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy at its last meeting on 1-2 October, 1998.

At the end of the meeting, the Steering Committee approved in principle a co-operative arrangement between the NEA and the INRA, as contained in the Annex to this letter. Taking into account this decision and subsequent comments received from a few Member countries, I am pleased to confirm the NEA's concurrence to this arrangement in response to your letter of today's date. For your information, implementation of the representation provisions of the arrangement would be co-ordinated with the Steering Committee and the NEA's Committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities, as well as other relevant Standing Committees.

I can also confirm that neither our exchange of letters on this matter nor the terms of the Annex preclude any further or future co-operative efforts between the NEA and the INRA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Echávarri', written over a horizontal line.

Luis Echávarri  
Director-General